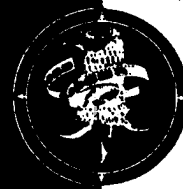


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1. (S/D) A new probable variant of the MT-LB tracked vehicle was identified in the Central Asia Military District (MD) at Ili Army Barracks AL-1 [] USSR.

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2. (S/D) Ten MT-LB with probable conical turrets were observed on imagery of [] (Figure 1) in a small vehicle park which contains the probable support elements for the special operation/divisionary unit housed at this installation. The ten MT-LB had arrived at Ili by [] but were not observed on imagery of []

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3. (S/D) The probable conical turret is approximately 1 meter in diameter, located forward of center on the chassis. The turret is similar in appearance to the turret on a BTR-60PB armored personnel carrier. The distance from the center of the turret to the front of the chassis is about [] meters. The distance from this center point to the rear is about [] (Figure 2).

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4. (S/D) A conventional MT-LB has a small conical turret with a 7.62mm machine gun on the right front corner of the chassis (Figure 3). The new probable variant of the MT-LB may also have this small conical turret.

5. (S/D) The chassis of the MT-LB is versatile and can be used in various capacities—it can be used as an armored personnel carrier or a prime mover. The SA-13, a SAM-carrying variant, is widely used, and a possible antitank guided missile variant was reported in the Far East MD at Khabarovsk in October 1979.

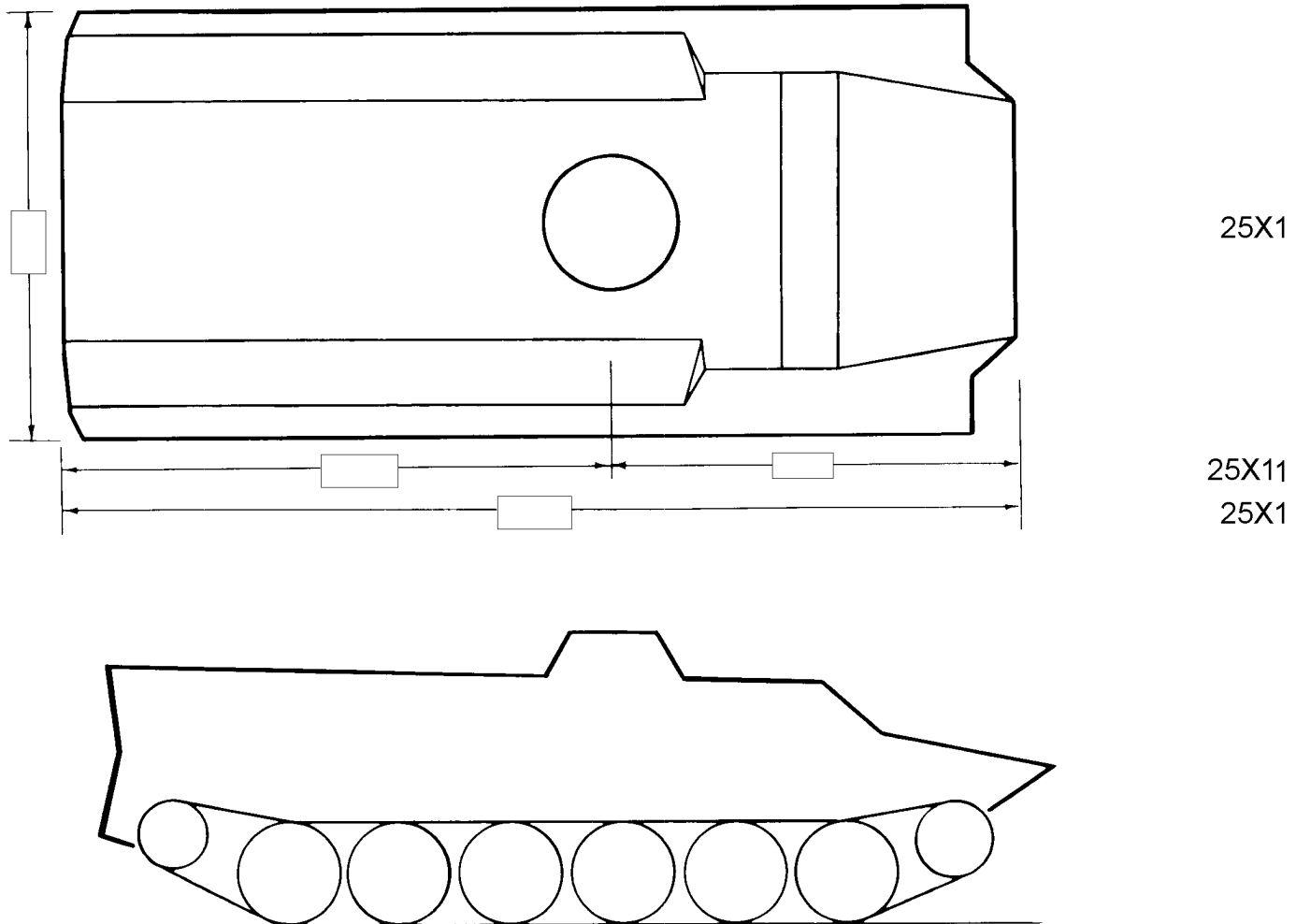
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FIGURE 2. CONCEPTUAL DRAWING OF NEW PROBABLE VARIANT OF THE MT-LB

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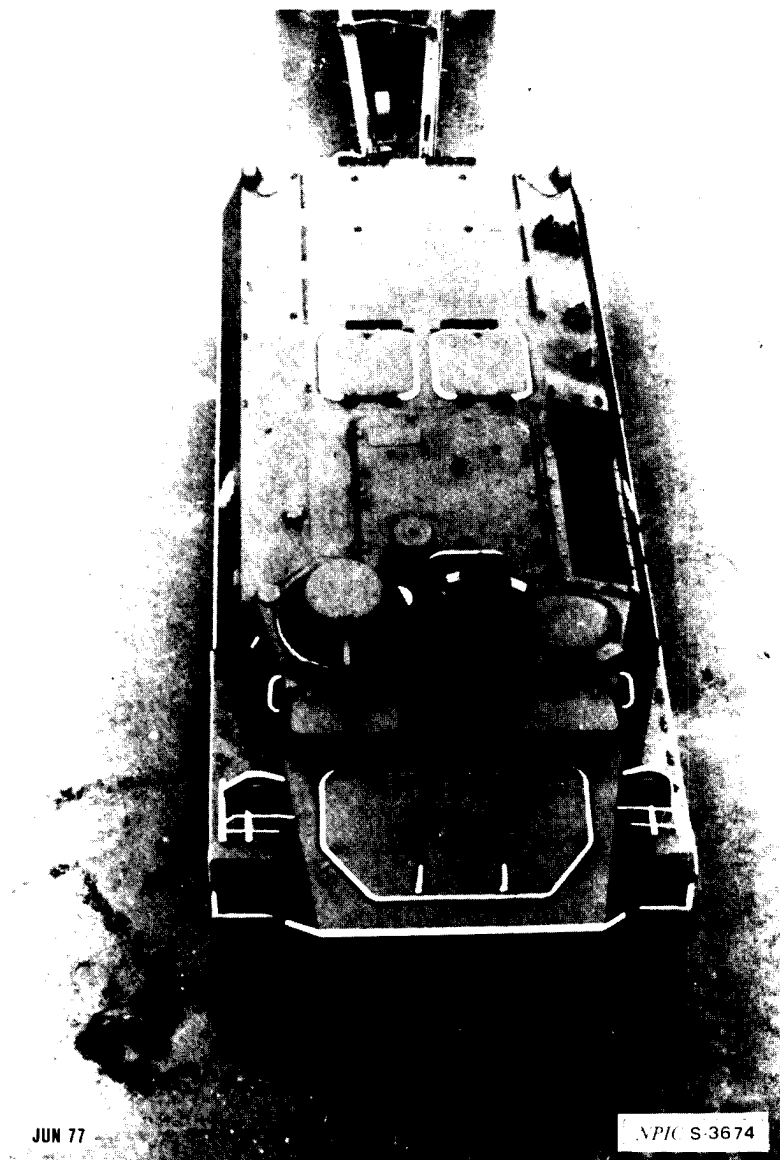


FIGURE 3. MT-LB TRACKED VEHICLE. DoD photograph, USAF/FTD IR 6 901 1085 77 (CONFIDENTIAL).

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